



**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
for  
Wednesday, August 25, 2004  
4:00 P.M. – Council Chamber Boardroom  
and  
5:30 P.M. - Art Pick Council Chambers  
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA**

**CASE REVIEW – 4:00 P.M.**

**1) Roll Call**

Present: Commissioners Brewer, Davidson, Garcia, Gardner, Huerta (arrived 4:30), Percy, and Ward

Absent: Commissioners Corral and Quinto

**2) Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**3) Closed Session – Case Reviews**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 4:11 p.m. to discuss issues pertaining to PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTERS.

| <u>CPRC CASE NO.</u> | <u>IA CASE NO.</u> | <u>CPRC CASE NO.</u> | <u>IA CASE NO.</u> |
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| 1) 03-071            | PC-03-269-064      | 5) 04-027            | PC-04-113-098      |
| 2) 03-079            | PC-03-297-278      | 6) 04-030            | PC-04-121-144      |
| 3) 04-003            | PC-04-019-175      | 7) 04-035            | PC-04-145-260      |
| 4) 04-013            | PC-04-051-215      | 8) 04-036            | PC-04-150-007      |

The Commission recessed at 5:30 p.m. to reconvene in the Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

## **OPEN SESSION – 5:30 P.M.**

**The following proceedings have been digitally recorded.  
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Chairman Gardner led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Gardner asked Ms. Sherron to confirm commissioner attendance.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Commissioners Brewer, Davidson, Garcia, Gardner, Huerta, Percy, and Ward

Absent: Commissioners Corral and Quinto

### **4) Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Davidson moved to approve the minutes for the July regular meeting and August 11 case review meeting. Commissioner Percy seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 for, 0 against, 1 abstention.

### **5) Executive Director's Report & Comments**

The Executive Director advised the Commission that Mr. Art Garcia called him about the pro and con statements for Ballot Measure II, which is the amendment to the City Charter to add the CPRC to the charter. Mr. Garcia asked for Mr. Williams' for assistance with rebuttal to RPOA's argument against the measure.

### **6) Commissioner's Comments**

There were no commissioner comments.

### **7) Public Comments**

#### **Dr. Ron Bailey**

Dr. Bailey asked the Commission:

- what it has done to improve Policy & Procedures manuals regarding medical issues of detained suspects
- what has done about issues regarding violations of patients' bill of rights
- what has done about issues of transporting injured detainees
- what has been done regarding complicity between medical and law enforcement professionals

#### **Mary Shelton**

Ms. Shelton said she had heard that the Riverside Police Officers' Association (RPOA) went to L.A. for a PR firm to help with the campaign against Measure II.

Ms. Shelton also asked under what circumstances officers are required to give their names. She said that Dep. Chief Pytlak said penal code requires officers to wear name tags. She said that RPD officers'

name tags are hard to read. She said that it doesn't address the issue of officers giving their names when asked and that officers are only willing to give their badge numbers to white women. She asked if officers are screened when assigned to black and Latino neighborhoods to determine whether they want to be in those areas. Dep. Chief Pytlak said there is cultural diversity training before officers sent into minority neighborhoods.

#### **8) 2004 NACOLE Conference**

Chairman Gardner advised the Commission that the Commission had previously decided that only three commissioners would attend the conference. He said that because Vice-Chair Huerta had recently said she wouldn't be able to attend, a spot was open. Commissioner Brewer suggested drawing straws. Commissioner Garcia said it wasn't fair that all those interested in attending aren't put in the hat. Chairman Gardner suggested waiting to decide who would go until it could be determined if the absent commissioners were interested in going.

#### **9) Formation of RPD Policy and Procedure Review Committee**

Chairman Gardner said that the Commission had been asked by Deputy Chief Dominguez to review the Department's Policy and Procedures Manual and asked if anyone was interested in chairing or serving on the committee. After some discussion, Commissioner Garcia was appointed chair of the committee. Commissioner Huerta said she would be willing to resign from the Outreach Committee to be on the Policy and Procedures committee. No other members were appointed at this time as Chairman Gardner opted to wait for full attendance before appointing any other members.

#### **Mary Shelton**

Ms. Shelton said she is concerned about whether the Department's policies are good or if they aren't being followed and wondered if the policies are worth anything.

#### **Dr. Ron Bailey**

Dr. Bailey asked what has been done to remedy the misperception regarding Internal Affairs and asked about what the interface is between the Commission and Internal Affairs. He said he thinks that the public feels Internal Affairs is interested in neutralizing "police deviance to make it acceptable to the community."

#### **10) Committee Reports**

##### **A) Outreach Committee – Commissioner Percy, Chair** Commissioner Percy advised the Commission

- of upcoming outreach opportunities
- of the meeting with City staff on August 2
- that he and Commissioner Davidson would be making presentations to RPD at roll calls in September.

Commissioner Garcia invited commissioners to attend the AIRS meetings, held on the first Wednesday of each month, and the CAG meetings in Casa Blanca, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Both meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

##### **B) Budget Committee – Commissioner Brewer, Chair**

Commissioner Brewer reported that the meeting had to be cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

#### **11) Volne Stokes Officer-Involved Death Case**

Chairman Gardner advised the Commission that there had been no response from Officer Banfill to the letter that had been sent to her. After much discussion, Commissioner Percy made the motion that the Executive Director hand-deliver a second letter to the officer, asking her to respond within 72 hours and advising her of the Commission's power to subpoena. If the officer declines to be interviewed, then a special meeting would be called to address issuing a subpoena. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Mary Shelton**

Ms. Shelton said she was relieved there was no public report. She said she doesn't trust the interviewed officer's statements because of his current legal situation. She said she was glad that steps were being taken to get a statement from first officer on the scene. She added that efforts needed to be made to get information from her and that it needs to be put in report that attempts were made to contact officer and that she refused.

#### **14) Rene Guevara Officer-Involved Death Case**

Chairman Gardner asked about the status of this case. Executive Director Williams said the investigator had just returned from vacation and that he would try to get a final version of the public report to commissioners in the next couple of weeks.

The Commission adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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